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(4) At the Erskine Hospital, Madura, only deep X-ray is available but no radium.

The Surgeon-General reports that a proposal is under consideration for the establishment of a modern Cancer Hospital in the Madras City which would serve as a research and training institute for the treatment of cancer. Under present conditions, it would be impossible to make use of the latest and most up-to-date ideas and principles in the interim arrangements proposed for the treatment of cancer cases. This will be possible only when regular clinics and one or more cancer hospitals are established in this Province.

" (*d*) The matter is under consideration."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is in order to refer to any of these gentlemen with their titles? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" As long as those gentlemen have not given up their titles, I think it is not proper for me not to mention them."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to make some arrangements for the early detection of cancer cases in the mufassal before they come up for treatment in the Madras City."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Yes, Sir."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" May I know, Sir, when the cancer hospital is going to come into existence? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It is not possible to give any approximate date, Sir, but it is being considered."

Concessions in special wards in the General Hospital.

* 14 *Q.*—SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the advisability of removal of concessions in the special wards of General Hospital to officers drawing above Rs. 500 ; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to re-introduce the concession given to the village officers in the special wards at the General Hospital?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) No such concession was ever granted and hence there is no question of its restoration."

SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI :—" May I know why concession should be shown to officers drawing high salaries? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The officers drawing high salaries are not the people who are shown the concession. Various cadres of officers are shown concession for admission to special wards in the General Hospital. In the

case of Government servants, their emoluments are so limited that Government thought some concession was necessary regarding treatment in Government hospitals."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister considers that persons drawing above Rs. 500 are the people who deserve consideration? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It is only they that know their difficulties."

SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI :—" Are Members of the Legislature entitled to this concession? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" At present, my instruction is they are not."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether this concession will be extended to the Members of the Legisslature? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" There are members who draw salaries and perhaps if Members of the Legislature will be content with being grouped in the cadre to which their salaries are attached, the Finance Minister may agree to it."

Schemes for the uplift of the Scheduled castes.

* 15 *Q*.—SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have formulated any scheme or schemes for the uplift of the scheduled castes in the Province in connexion with the provision of rupees one crore sanctioned in the current year's budget ; and

(*b*) if so, what is the amount spent up till now ; and on what account?

THE HON. SRI V. KURMAYYA :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have constituted Harijan Welfare Committee for the formulation of a five-year plan of Harijan Uplift. That committee has also been entrusted with the work of drawing up a scheme for the utilization of the sum of Rs. 1 crore set apart by the Government for Harijan Uplift."

SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAM :—" Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of consulting organized public opinion of the scheduled classes in this province in this respect? "

THE HON. SRI V. KURMAYYA :—" This committee has appointed a sub-committee which has been touring in the province to make enquiries of the various organizations and the leaders who are working for Harijan uplift on this matter."